

## **SECTION 3: NETWORK TYPE AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

### **3.1 NETWORK TYPE**

The state of Louisiana has a decentralized test and repair network in the Baton Rouge ozone nonattainment area. Our decentralized network allows motorists a choice of official Motor Vehicle Inspection (MVI) Stations that are either test-and-repair or test-only stations. These official MVI Stations operate within the program area network and offer the required emissions test. MVI Stations are approved through the Louisiana DPS. Test-only stations may or may not offer other services for the convenience of their customers. Test-and-repair stations usually offer a wide range of repairs and services for the convenience of their customers.

The classes of MVI Stations authorized by the DPS are Public, Dealer, Fleet and Government Stations. Legal authority for appointment and operation of MVI Stations is provided by LA R.S. 32:1305-1306 (Appendix B). Rules and regulations governing the MVI program are found in LAC 55:III.Chapters 7 and 8 (Appendix F). The LDEQ has a vehicle inspection database (VID) that assists in monitoring test results by class of MVI Station and allows the ability for extensive data analysis.

### **3.2 PROGRAM EVALUATION**

In accordance with 40 CFR 51.353(c)(1), the I/M program is required to conduct an ongoing evaluation to quantify the emission reduction benefits of the program and to determine if the program is meeting the requirements of the CAAA. Program evaluation results are to be submitted to the EPA on a biennial basis. When the EPA determines a testing methodology for programs without tailpipe testing, the program evaluation will meet the approved minimum requirements.